

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Please replace Fig. 9a with the enclosed amended Fig. 9a.

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Please add the new Fig. 10 to the drawings.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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It has been surprisingly discovered a highly useful absorbent article for garments and thong garments having at least one removable wing. Such an absorbent article provides a wearer with at least one wing attached to the absorbent article or the wearer may optionally detach some or all the wings. In another embodiment of the present invention, wings may be added by the wearer to the absorbent article to provide additional protection against movement of the pantliner. Thus, the present invention allows a wearer to individually decide whether to use from zero to three or more wings to secure the absorbent article of the present invention to thong garments.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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The present invention is directed to an absorbent article with a silhouette having a first portion, a second portion, wherein the second portion being in opposite relation to the first portion, and a first longitudinally extending edge and a second longitudinally extending edge being in opposed relationship between the first portion to the second portion; a layered portion including an absorbent core and a backsheet; at least one wing laterally extending from the first longitudinally extending edge or the second longitudinally extending edge, wherein the wing is releasably attached to the longitudinally extending edge.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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The present invention is also directed to an absorbent article with a silhouette having a first portion having a maximum width, a second portion having a maximum width, wherein the second portion being in opposite relation to the first portion and the maximum width of the first portion is greater than the maximum width of the second portion, and a first longitudinally extending edge and a second longitudinally extending edge being in opposed relationship between the first portion to the second portion; a layered portion including an absorbent core and a backsheet; at least one wing laterally extending from the first longitudinally extending edge or the second longitudinally extending edge, wherein the wing is releasably attached to the longitudinally extending edge.

Please replace the description of Figure 9 at page 4, lines 12-13, with the following:

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-Figs. 9a, 9b, and 9c are plan views of an additional embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 10 depicts a thong pantliner with various layers.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-The absorbent core or layer of the present invention may contain any known absorbent materials including, but not limited to, absorbent fibers, such as cellulose fibers, e.g., wood pulp fibers, regenerated cellulose fibers, and cotton fibers, rayon fibers, superabsorbent polymers, e.g., fibers or particles, other naturally occurring absorbent materials, e.g., peat moss, and other synthetic absorbent materials, such as foams and the like. The absorbent layer may also include one or more of the following: thermoplastic binder fibers, bicomponent fibers, polyester fibers, latex binder, perfumes, or odor-controlling compounds. The absorbent layer may be compressed or uncompressed, embossed, or calendered.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-Figures 9a-c illustrate an alternate embodiment of the invention. In this embodiment, wearers wishing to have more secure attachment of an absorbent article would affix at least one attachment wing 19 to the absorbent article. As shown in Figure 9a, attachment wing 19 is a separate piece from the absorbent article. Attachment wing 19 has upper surface 21 and lower surface 23. Outer surface of backsheet 2 and lower surface 23 of attachment wing 19 may be coated with an adhesive or other separable fasteners 90, such as, hook and loop, snap, button, zipper, and the like. Both surfaces 2 and 23 may be protected with a release paper strip until the time of use. After release paper has been removed from outer surface of the backsheet, upper surface 21 of attachment wing 19 is affixed into any desired position on the garment-facing side of the backsheet, e.g., surface 2. For example, it may be desirable to secure the attachment wing 19 adjacent to the second portion of the absorbent article, as depicted in Figure 9b. Alternatively, the desired placement of attachment wing 19 may be in closer to first portion 3. Optionally, upper surface 21 of attachment wing 19 may have adhesive applied thereon 80. The use of attachment wing 19 is entirely optional and may even be omitted by the wearer.

Please add the following paragraph at page 12, line 20:

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-Turning to Figure 10, there is depicted a thong pantliner having a cover 67, an absorbent core 1 and a backsheet 2.

Please replace the abstract with the following rewritten abstract: